HIBIKI!!
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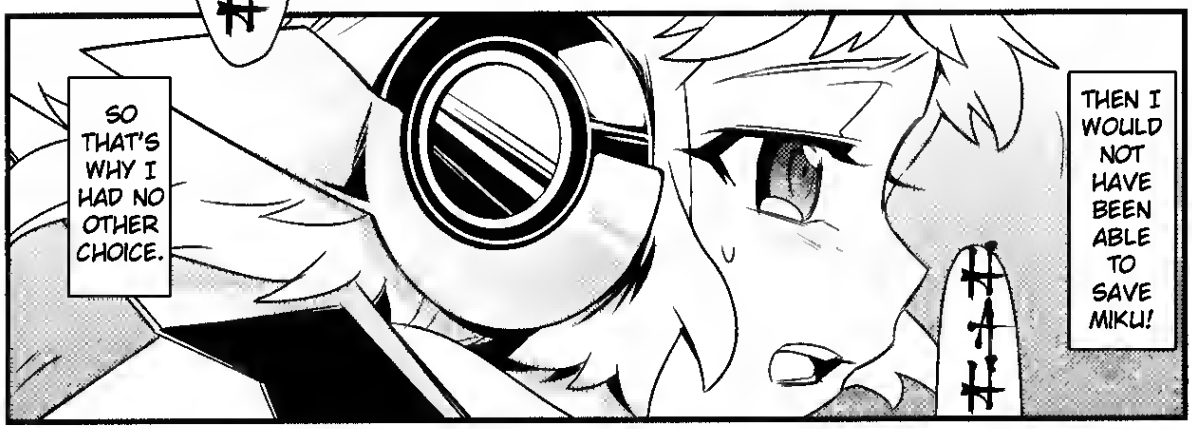
WHY?
HIBIKI
...

IF I HADN'T PUT ON MY GEAR AT THAT MOMENT
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD KEEP THIS HIDDEN FOREVER ....


SO THAT'S WHY I HAD NO OTHER CHOICE.
THEN I WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SAVE MIKU!

THAT'S NOT TRUE.
... NO

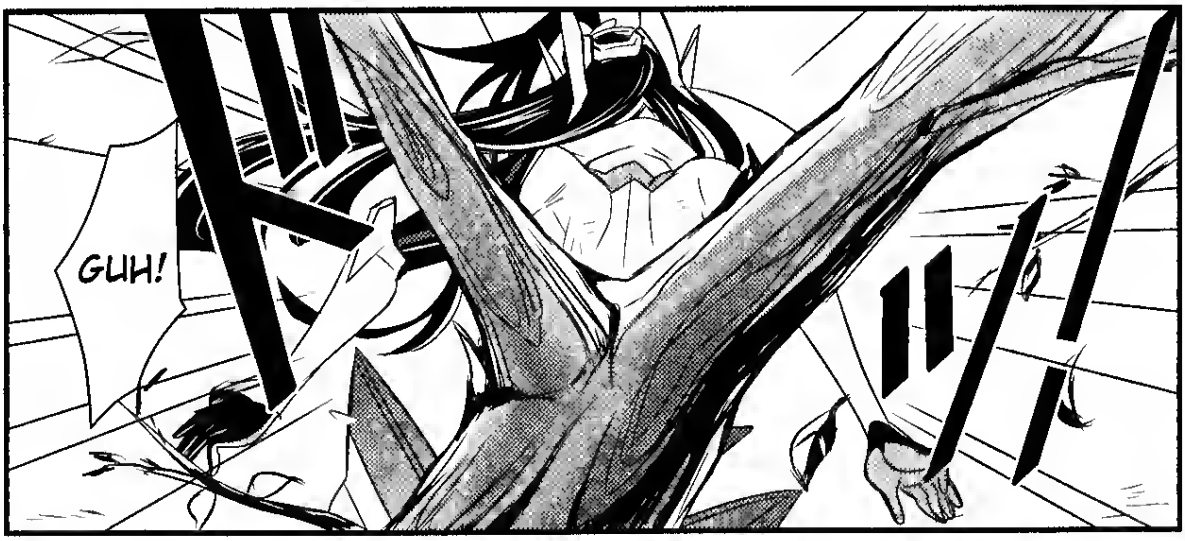
I KNOW IT WILL BE OKAY ...

NO MATTER WHAT EXCUSE I COME UP WITH ...
IT WON'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT I KEPT ALL THIS HIDDEN FROM MIKU ...
WAAAAAAAAA!!
.....!

YOU DIDN'T KNOW DID YOU
...
ABOUT HER, I MEAN.
I
...
I THOUGHT I WAS HIBIKI'S FRIEND
...
H-
HEY!

SO THEN WHY DIDN'T SHE ...
UUU ...

WHY DOES MY CHEST HURT SO MUCH...?
THESE AREN'T EVEN MY TEARS.
UWAAAAAAA
WHY IS IT THAT I CAN'T PROTECT ANYTHING ...
IN THAT MOMENT, IF I HAD SUNG THIS GIRL MIGHT NOT BE CRYING.
ALL I'M CAPABLE OF IS DESTROYING THINGS!


GUH!

HONESTLY ... IT SEEMS JUST ABOUT EVERYONE FEELS THE NEED TO INTERFERE WITH MY PLANS.

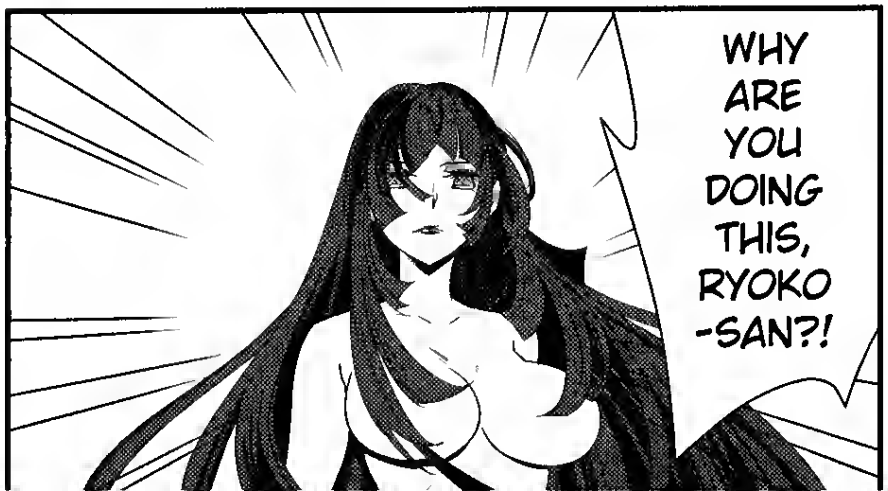
I WONDER IF THIS IS ALSO AN EFFECT OF THE CURSE OF BALAL.
THE CURSE OF... BALAL?
YES, THAT WAS WHEN ...

HUMANS' ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER WAS CHANGED FOREVER!

TACHI
-BANA
!?

WHY
...

TSK!
YOU
OBNOXIOUS
LITTLE
BRAT!


WHY
ARE
YOU
DOING
THIS,
RYOKO
-SAN?!

YOU'RE STILL CALLING ME BY THAT NAME!?
I AM FINE ...

MY NAME IS FINE!

IN ORDER TO RECLAIM THE TRUE LANGUAGE
THAT'S RIGHT
I AM THE ONE WHO WILL BRING AN END TO THE CURSE WROUGHT BY THE CUSTODIANS!

...FINE?
A NAME THAT MEANS "THE END?"

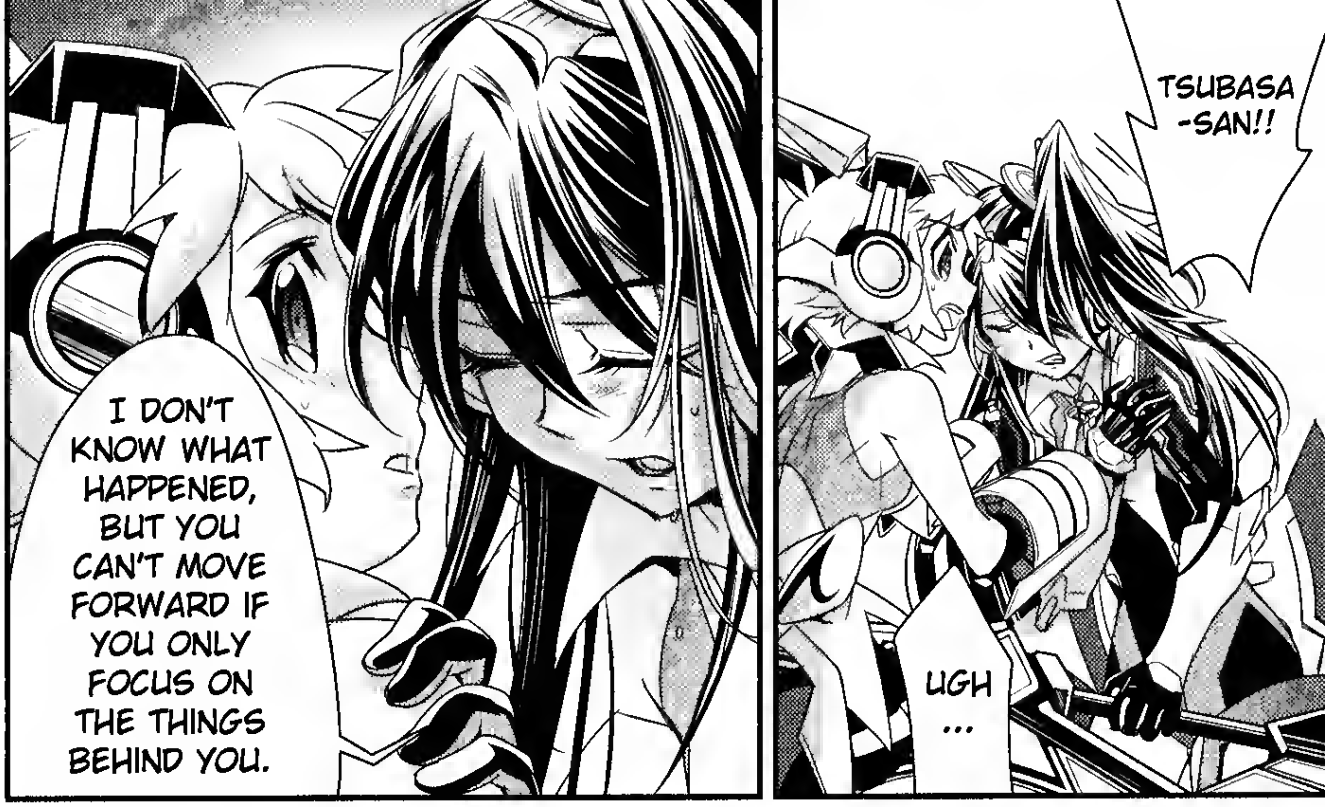
!!
SO STAY OUT OF MY WAY!
TSUBASA -SAN!
TACHI -BANA !!

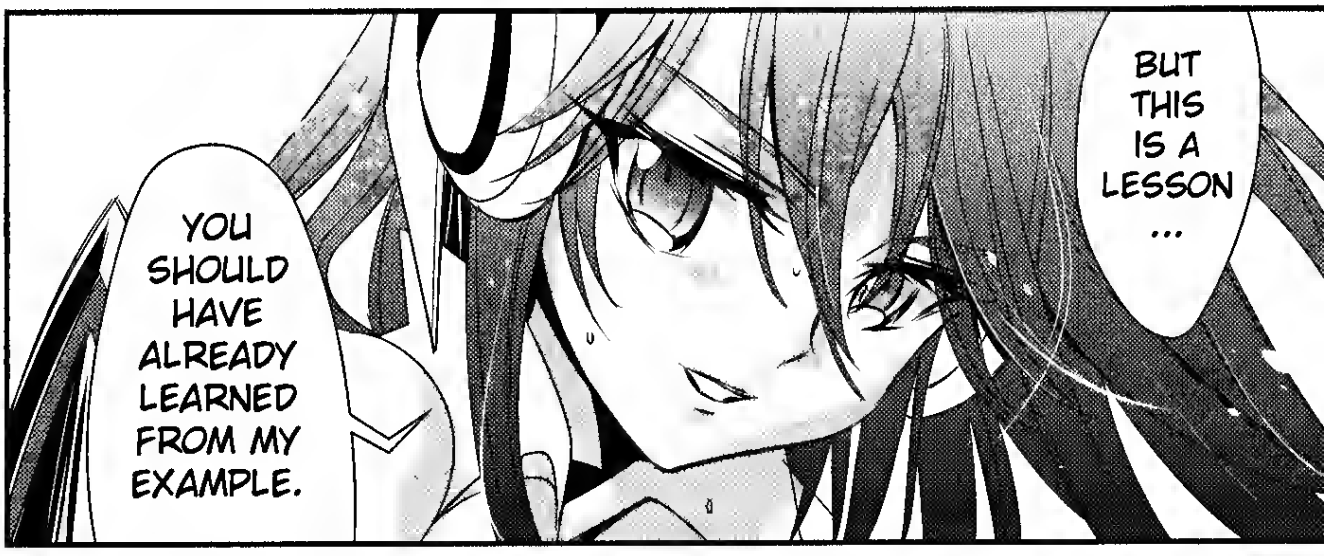
KUH!
TACHIBANA ... CAN YOU MATCH THE TIMING OF YOUR ATTACK WITH MINE?
YOU MEAN COMBINING OUR ATTACK POWER?
BUT DOING SOMETHING LIKE THAT, I DON'T-
WHEN I WAS WITH KANADE IT WAS POSSIBLE!
SINCE YOU'RE USING THE SAME GUNGNIR THAT SHE DID, YOU SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF DOING IT AS WELL!

THE SAME AS KANADE -SAN ....
YOU DON'T HAVE TIME TO CHAT!
AAAAA!!
AH! ...
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH EXPERIENCE TO DO THINGS THE SAME AS KANADE-SAN ...

A PITIFUL PERSON LIKE ME WHO LET HER BEST FRIEND CRY CAN'T EVEN-
PLUS ...
YOU LOOK SO PEACEFUL DAYDREAMING OVER THERE!
WHAT !?
AHH!

キィィィ
GUUH!
!!
TSUBASA
-SA...


I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, BUT YOU CAN'T MOVE FORWARD IF YOU ONLY FOCUS ON THE THINGS BEHIND YOU.
TSUBASA -SAN!!
UGH ...


YOU SHOULD HAVE ALREADY LEARNED FROM MY EXAMPLE.
BUT THIS IS A LESSON ...

I CAN'T GO FORWARD IF I ONLY FOCUS ON ...
.....
TSUBASA -SAN...

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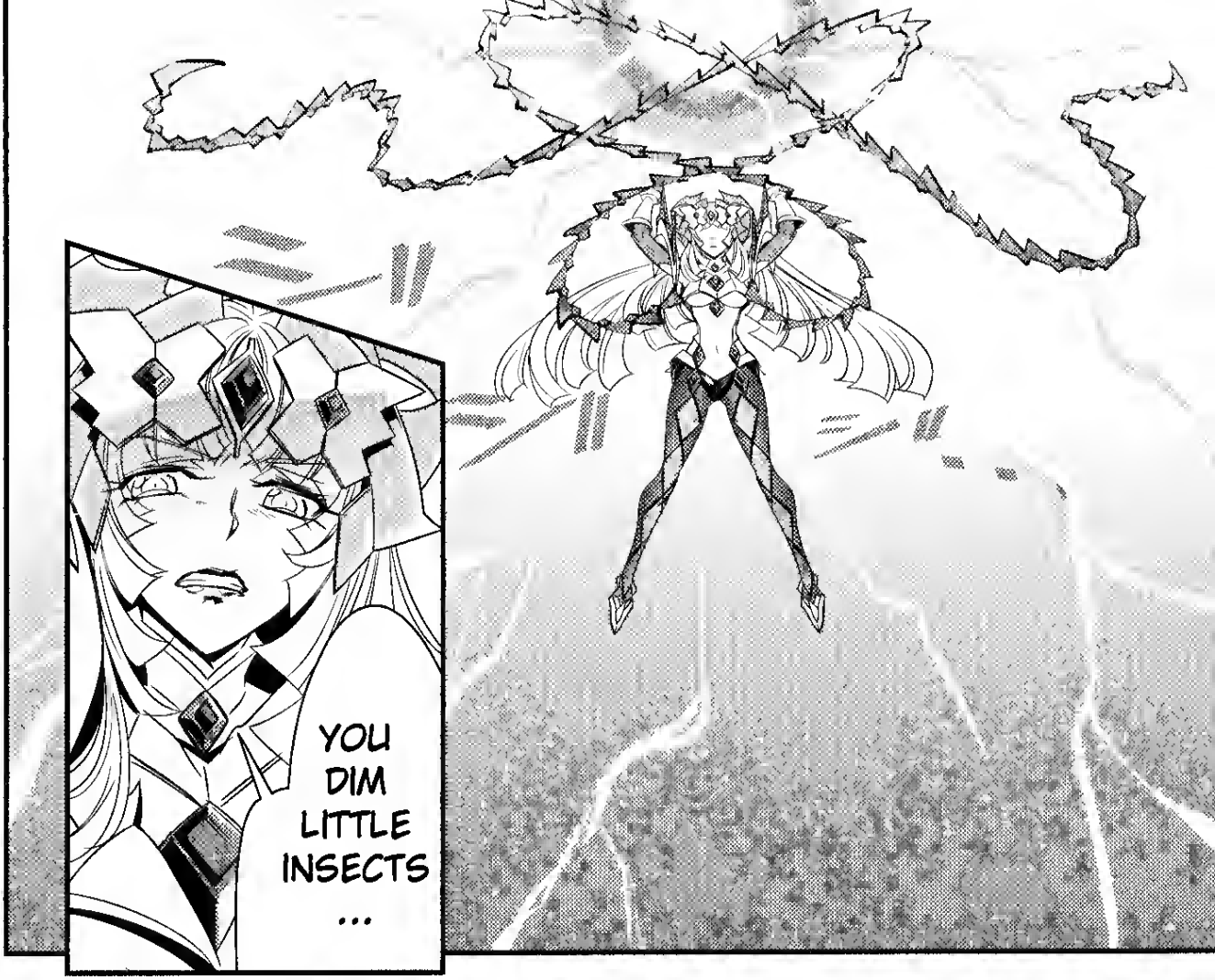
THAT'S RIGHT
THE MIKU I KNOW WOULD UNDER-STAND
THROUGHOUT EVERYTHING SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN THE ONE WHO SUPPORTS ME!

I SAID ...
THAT I WOULD PROTECT MIKU
SO NOW I-
WE'LL GO FOR IT ONE MORE TIME!
O... OKAY!

EVEN IF YOU DON'T KNOW THE SPECIFICS, YOU CAN DO IT!
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO!

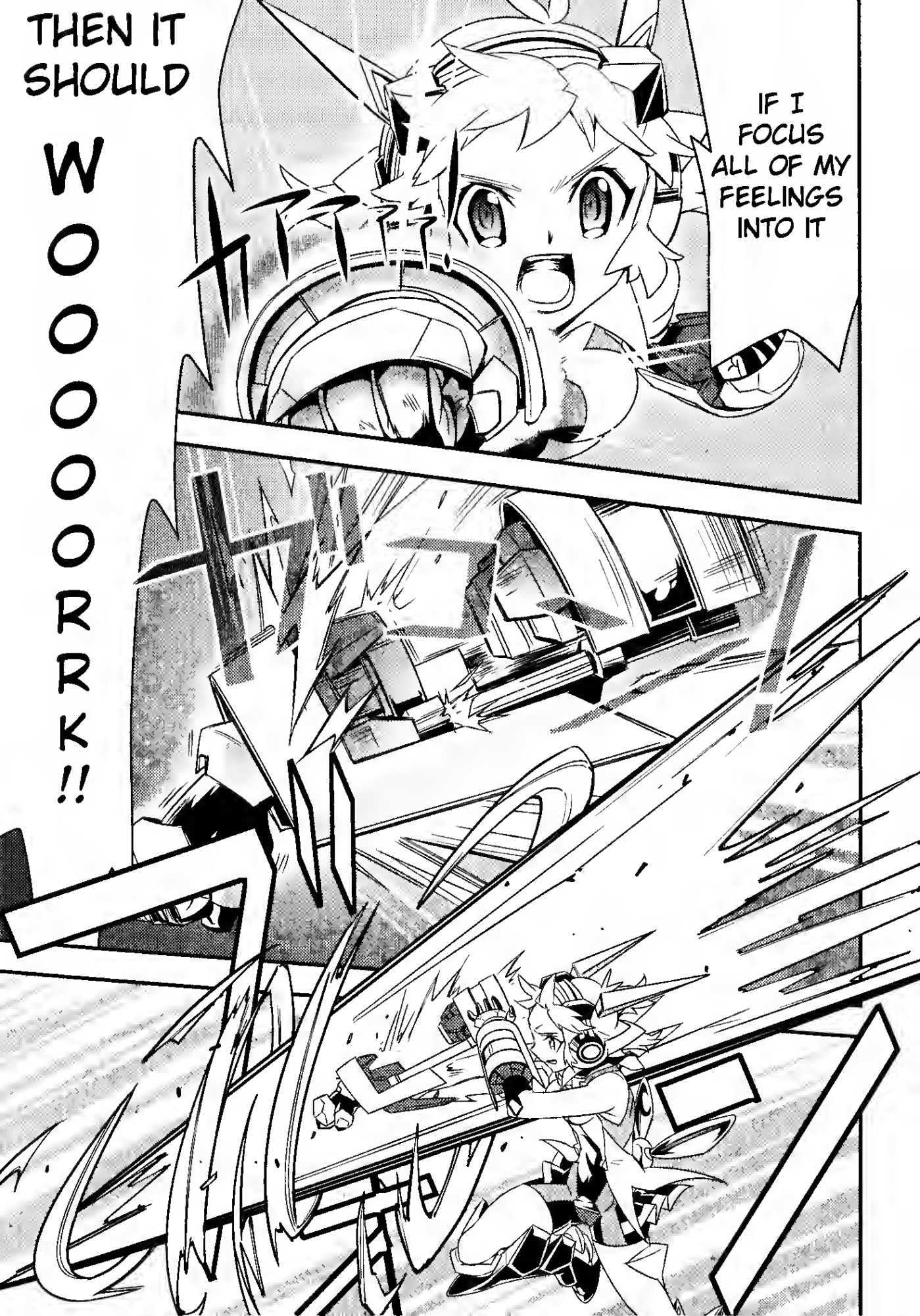
JUST ASK THE QUESTION!
AND LISTEN TO THE ANSWER IN YOUR CHEST!

IN MY CHEST?
I DON'T GET WHAT THAT MEANS AT ALL!
BUT I'LL TRY IT OUT ANYWAY!


YOU DIM LITTLE INSECTS ...

UWOOO OOOO OOOO OOO !!

WHAT !?
I'VE CUT OPEN A PATH!


IF I FOCUS ALL OF MY FEELINGS INTO IT
THEN IT SHOULD
WOOOOOORK!!

DIASTER BLAST
双星ノ鉄槌

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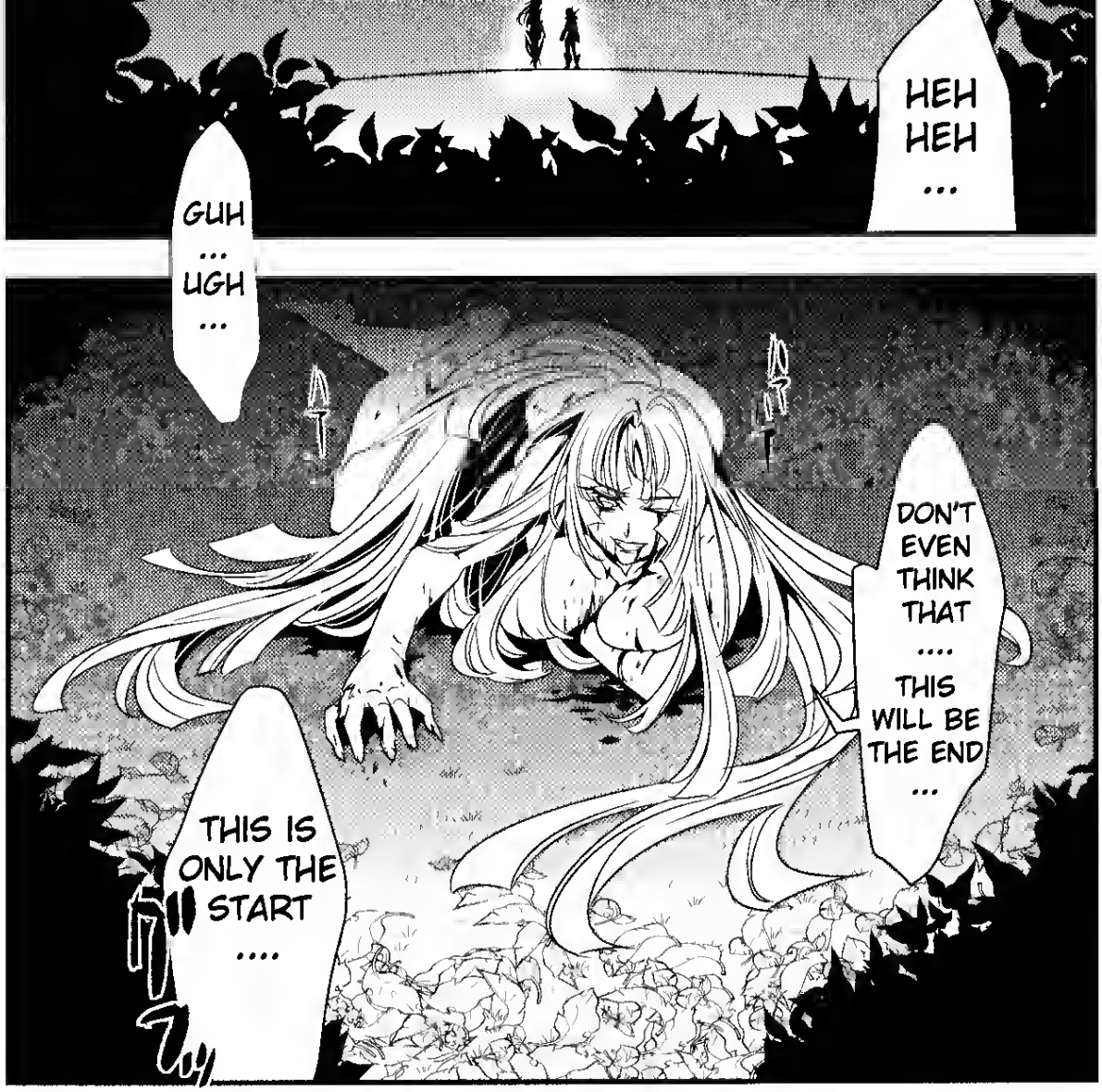
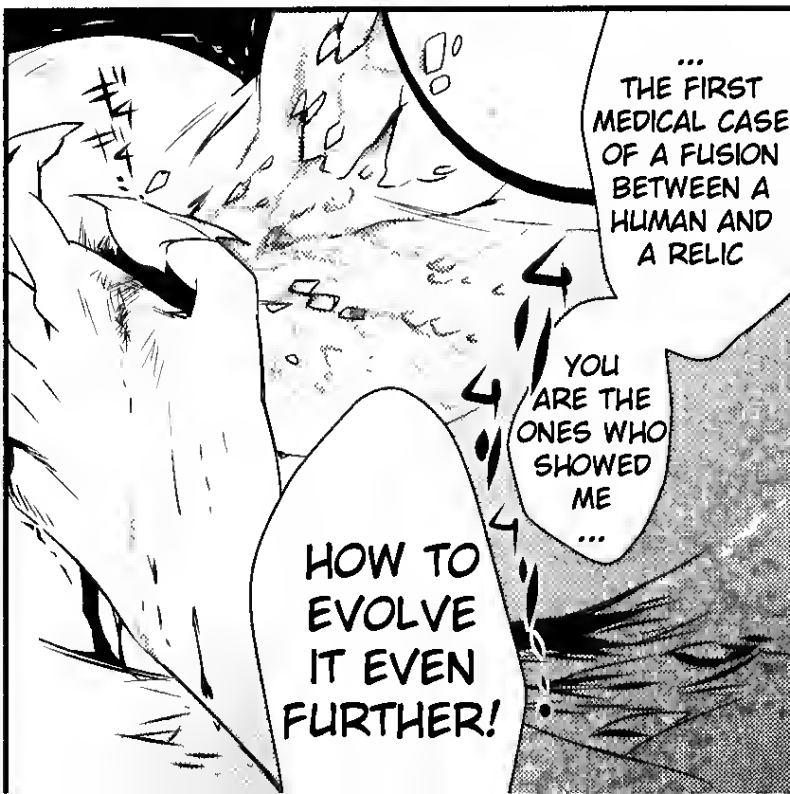
ニュウウウウ
I FAILED TO CATCH HER, YET AGAIN.

GOOD WORK, YOU TWO
WE'VE FINISHED PUTTING CIVILIANS UNDER GUARD
I LET MYSELF HESITATE ...
I'D LIKE YOU TO RETURN TO BASE QUICKLY.
WE'LL NEED A COUNTER-PLAN FROM HERE ON OUT.
... RYOKO -SAN
MIKU ... CHRIS -CHAN ...
OKAY ...
ROGER THAT ...


HEH HEH ...
GUH ... UGH ...
DON'T EVEN THINK THAT .... THIS WILL BE THE END ...
THIS IS ONLY THE START ....

HEH HEH ...
HEH .....


... THE FIRST MEDICAL CASE OF A FUSION BETWEEN A HUMAN AND A RELIC
YOU ARE THE ONES WHO SHOWED ME ...
HOW TO EVOLVE IT EVEN FURTHER!